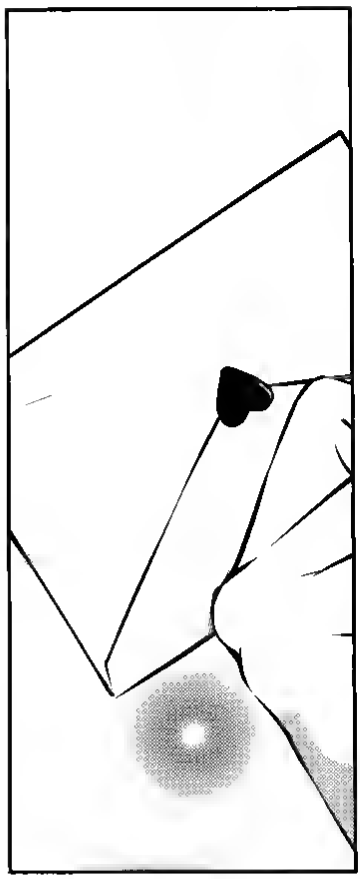
それはある日の午後のこと…



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Whoops, said that out loud...
ELI...
GASP
WAS THAT ONE OF THE FRESHMEN?
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WERE YOU SPYING ON ME THE ENTIRE TIME?
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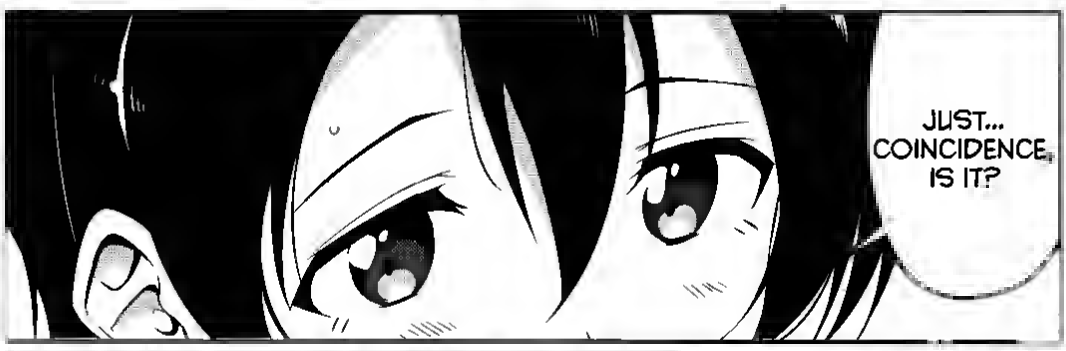
N-NO,
NOBODY WAS TRYING TO SPY ON ANYONE HERE, OKAY?

I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY. PURE CO-INCIDENCE♡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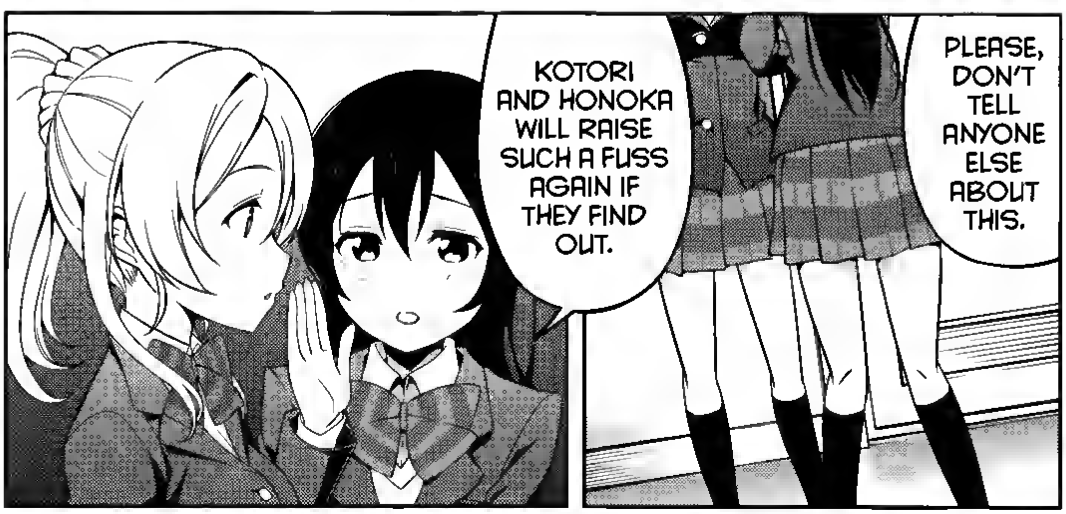
KOTORI AND HONOKA WILL RAISE SUCH A FUSS AGAIN IF THEY FIND OUT.
PLEASE, DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS.

SHE'S SO CUTE♪
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YEP, SURE THING!
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE BONA FIDE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
HEHE♡
AW, COME ON.
AM I REALLY THAT HARD TO TRUST?
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YOU SERIOUSLY ARE A HIT WITH THE GIRLS, AREN'T YOU♡
I'D HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT STILL,

AND I HAVE NOT BEEN COUNTING!
I-IT IS NOT A L-LOVE LETTER...
HOW MANY LOVE LETTERS HAVE YOU GOTTEN SINCE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR NOW?

I...
HOW DO YOU USUALLY WRITE BACK TO THEM?
AW, REALLY?
IT'S DEFINITELY GOT SOMETHING LIKE, "I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR REPLY♡" WRITTEN INSIDE, RIGHT?
BUT...

"PLEASE BE MY ELDER SISTER."
FROM THE CONTENTS,
ALL I THOUGHT WAS...
THAT THEY WISHED TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOME OF THEIR UPPERCLASSMEN, AND SO...
HONESTLY, I NEVER KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE...
I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THEY WERE L...
...LOVE LETTERS AT FIRST...
I DON'T RESPOND.
WHAT!?
Y-YOU DON'T!?

If I shall suffice for you,
then I gladly accept.
...WAS HOW I WROTE BACK.
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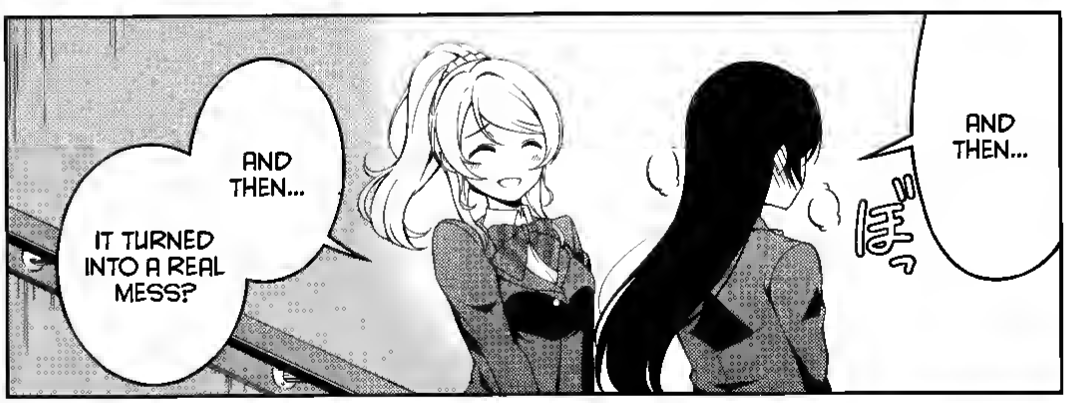
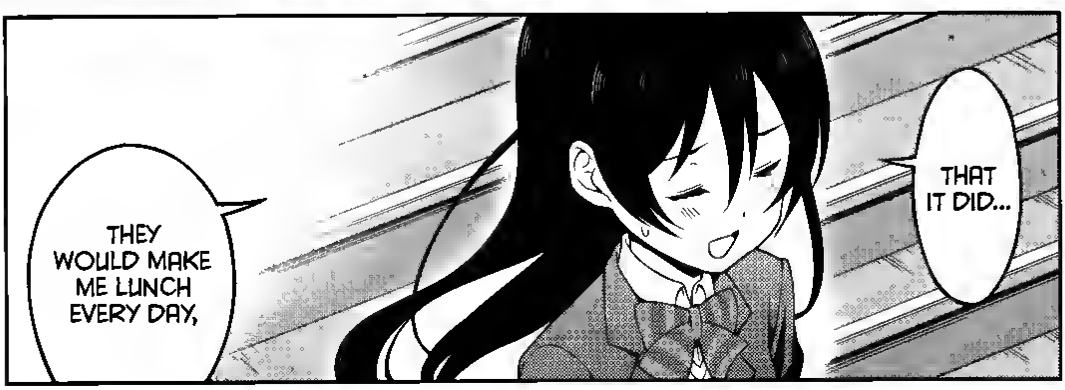

AND THEN...
AND THEN... IT TURNED INTO A REAL MESS?


THAT IT DID...
THEY WOULD MAKE ME LUNCH EVERY DAY,

THEY WOULD WAIT BY THE DOOR WHENEVER I WENT TO OR FROM SCHOOL,
AND IF I WANTED TO STOP BY HONOKA'S SHOP FOR RED BEAN SOUP...
...THEY WOULD VEHEMENTLY FORCE ME TO RECONSIDER.

OH MAN.
YOU MESSED IT UP BIGTIME, UMI.
YOU'RE REALLY CLUELESS ABOUT THIS SORT OF STUFF, AREN'T YOU?

AND WHAT HAPPENED IN THE END?
UM... NOTHING THAT BEARS MENTIONING, REALLY...

AW, C'MON!
YOU CAN'T GO THAT FAR AND THEN JUST KEEP THE JUICY BITS TO YOUR OWN SELF!

HURRY UP AND SPILL THE BEANS ALREADY!
DO IT! DO IT!!
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S-STOP THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ELI!?

AHAHA♡
FOR SOME REASON, WHENEVER I'M WITH UMI, I GET THE URGE TO MESS WITH HER.
WAIT A SEC!
ISN'T THIS JUST THE SORT OF THING NICO WOULD DO!?
I DON'T EVER WANT TO TURN OUT LIKE NICO.
ER... AHEM!
SO, WHAT HAPPENED IN THE END?
WELL, UM, I MENTIONED GETTING A...
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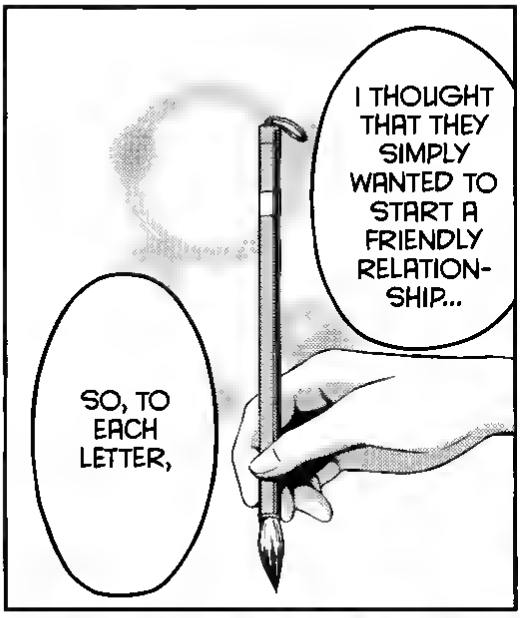
...LOVE LETTER, BACK THEN. BUT ACTUALLY,
I GOT MORE THAN JUST ONE...
MORE THAN ONE... SO YOU MEAN THERE WERE MULTIPLE SENDERS?


I THOUGHT THAT THEY SIMPLY WANTED TO START A FRIENDLY RELATION-SHIP...
SO, TO EACH LETTER,

YES, I RECEIVED SEVERAL.
BUT I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED THAT THEY COULD BE LOVE LETTERS.

It would be my pleasure. I shall stay by your side for as long as you desire.
I REPLIED TO SUCH EFFECT.

AND, I ALSO WROTE...
Please come visit our dojo sometime.
...IN HOPES THAT MORE STUDENTS MIGHT JOIN.
AND THEN?
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AND THEN, ONE DAY, ALL OF THEM CAME TO THE DOJO TOGETHER...
UMI!!
WHICH ONE OF US DO YOU REALLY LOVE!?

...AND INTERROGATED ME.
AHAHA-
YEAH, THAT WOULD HAPPEN ALRIGHT!
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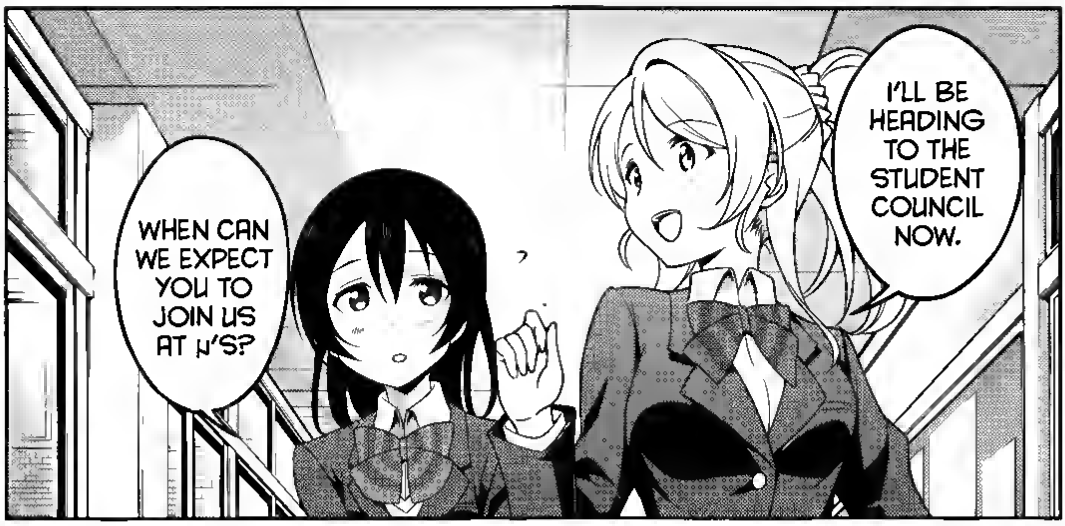
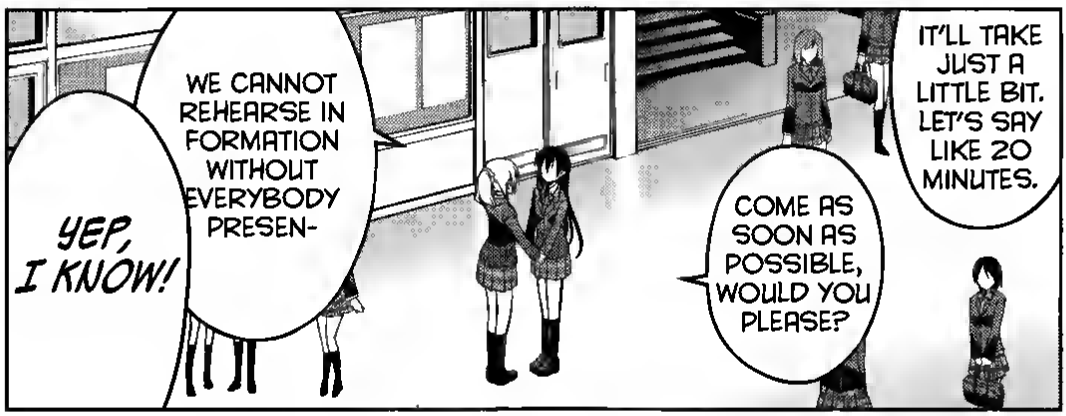
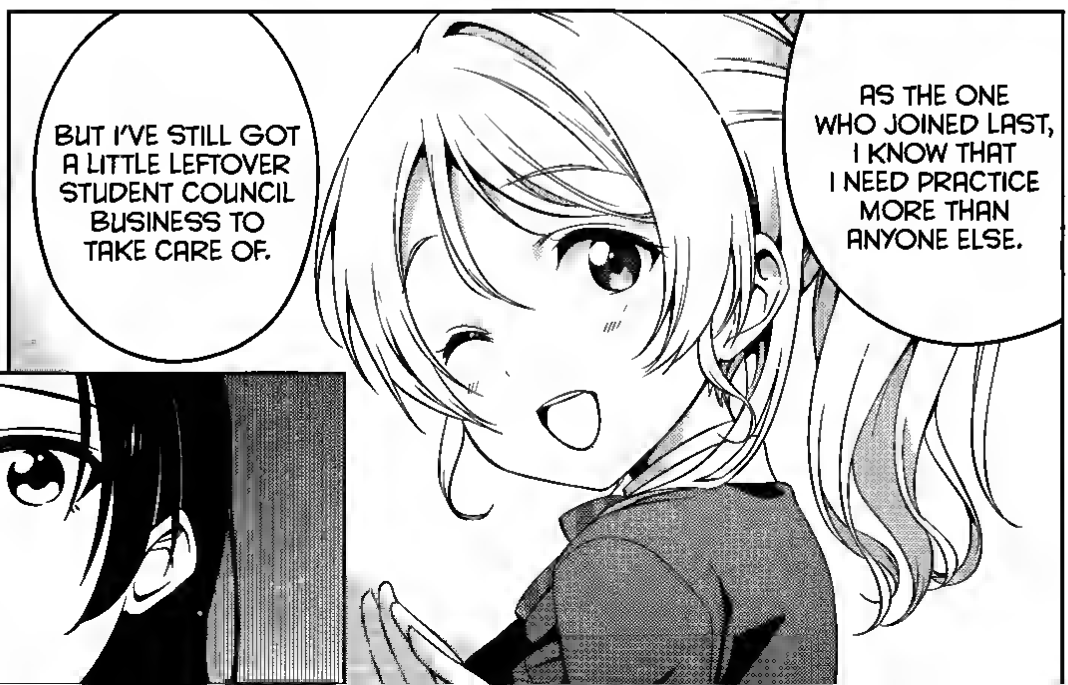
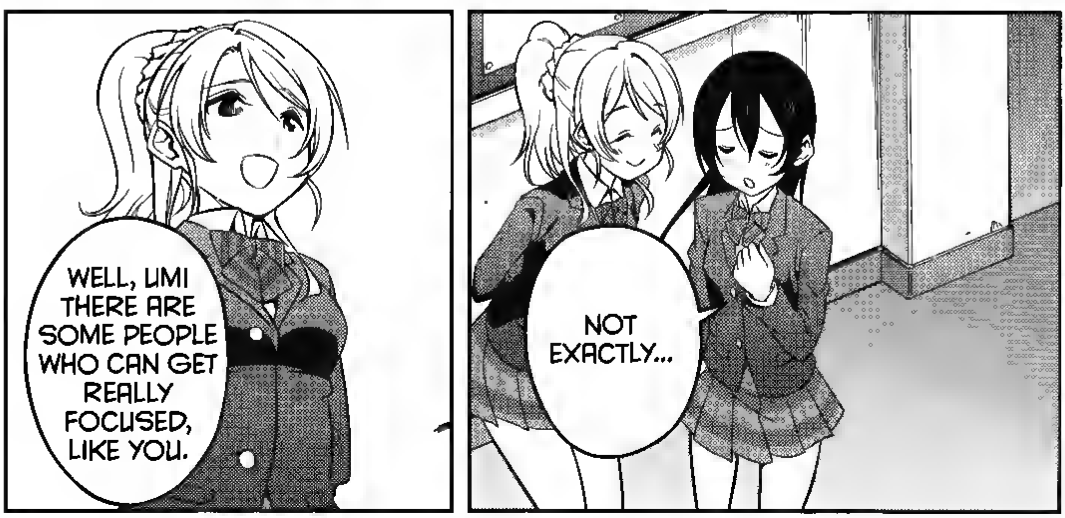
YES, I WAS NAIVE.
SO IN THE END, YOU DECIDED YOU WOULDN'T REPLY TO YOUR LOVE LETTERS ANYMORE AFTER THAT?
YES.
I KNOW HOW DIS-RESPECTFUL THAT MAY BE,
BUT I SUSPECT THAT THEY WOULD MISINTERPRET ME REGARDLESS OF HOW I REPLY.


I'LL BE HEADING TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL NOW.
WHEN CAN WE EXPECT YOU TO JOIN US AT μ'S?


IT'LL TAKE JUST A LITTLE BIT. LET'S SAY LIKE 20 MINUTES.
COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WOULD YOU PLEASE?
WE CANNOT REHEARSE IN FORMATION WITHOUT EVERYBODY PRESEN-
YEP, I KNOW!


AS THE ONE WHO JOINED LAST, I KNOW THAT I NEED PRACTICE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
BUT I'VE STILL GOT A LITTLE LEFTOVER STUDENT COUNCIL BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.

OR MAYBE...
YOU THINK I'M STILL TOO ATTACHED TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL?


WELL, UMI THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO CAN GET REALLY FOCUSED, LIKE YOU.
NOT EXACTLY...

ONCE YOU HAD YOUR HEART SET ON μ'S,
YOU PUSHED ASIDE EVERYTHING ELSE.
AND, ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO PULL THAT OFF,

SOME PEOPLE, LIKE MYSELF, JUST HAVE A HARDER TIME DOING THAT.

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TWO-TIMING'S JUST A PART OF MY NATURE, I GUESS♡
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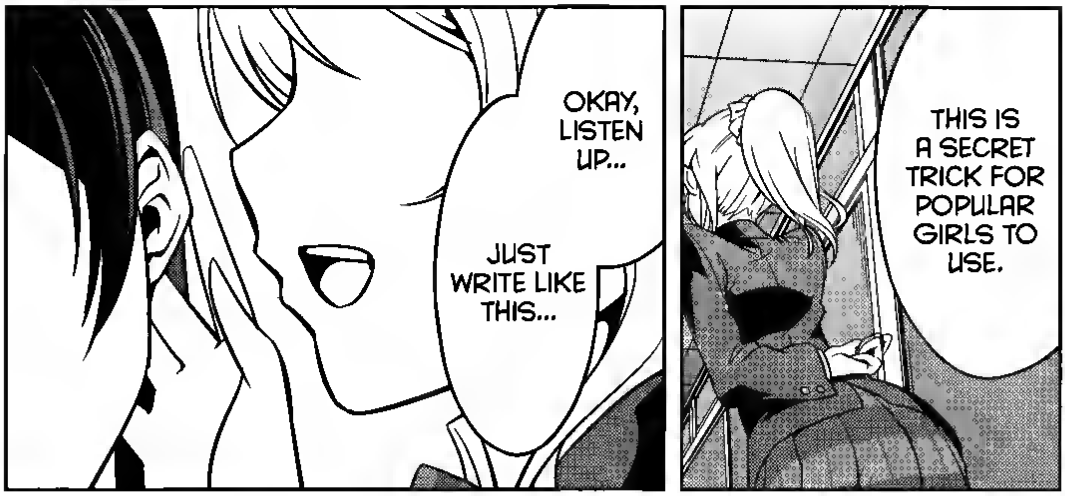
WE WILL BE WAITING.
HOW ABOUT I SHOW YOU A NICE WAY TO REPLY TO YOUR LOVE LETTERS?
OH, I KNOW!



I AM HAPPY TO KNOW YOU FEEL THIS WAY,

BUT, I AM SORRY.

THERE IS ALREADY SOMEONE I LOVE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

THAT WOULD BE MY MOST CHERISHED CHILDHOOD FRIEND,

AAAAGH!
MY BELOVED HO... NO... K-

NOBODY WOULD EVEN THINK YOU WERE LYING IF YOU WROTE THAT.
AW, WHAT'S THE MATTER? I'M JUST BEING HONEST.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ELI!?
THAT WILL JUST CAUSE EVEN MORE STRANGE MIS-UNDERSTAND-INGS-!

"I HOPE YOU TWO WILL FIND HAPPINESS TOGETHER!"
"OH, I COULDN'T POSSIBLY COMPETE AGAINST HONOKA!"
IN FACT, THEY MIGHT EVEN CHANGE INTO THE TRAGIC HEROINE ROLE!

SO, IS THAT HOW YOU WRITE YOUR REPLIES, ELI?

WHY, SHE EVEN INFORMED ME THAT ONE OF YOUR UNDERCLASSMEN VISITED YOU IN YOUR CLASSROOM TO DELIVER YOU A LOVE LETTER DURING BREAK TIME, JUST THE OTHER DAY.
NICO, YOU STUPID BLABBERMOUTH!

HUH?
YES, I KNOW. I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT FROM NICO.
YOU *ARE* THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AFTER ALL. THE GIRLS LOVE YOU.

"SORRY, BUT I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE WHOM I TREASURE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE."
THAT *IS* HOW YOU WRITE BACK, IS IT NOT?
AAAAGHH!
THAT WOULD BE MY FELLOW THIRD-YEAR, MISS NOZ-

STOP! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
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I WOULD NEVER-

SEE?
YOU AND I ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL.

BEING IN A GIRLS' SCHOOL IS SUCH A PAIN, ISN'T IT?
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YES, IT IS, IN QUITE A FEW WAYS.

OF COURSE.
BUT, ARE YOU GLAD YOU CAME HERE?
IF...
I'VE MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS HERE,
AND I ALSO HAVE HONOKA, WHO HAS BEEN MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND SINCE BEFORE WE WERE BORN.

IF YOU AND I WERE TO BECOME AN ITEM,
W-
WOULD THE SCHOOL DEVOLVE INTO A SEA OF LAMENTATIONS?
NOZOMI'S GONNA GET MAD AT ME IF I'M ANY LATER TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
WELL, WE CAN'T DAWDLE HERE MUCH LONGER.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

MY DARLING UMI,
I HAD A GREAT TIME ON THIS LITTLE TRYST OF OURS TODAY.
I HOPE YOU'LL ALWAYS REMAIN AS PURE AS YOU ARE.
HEHEHE♡
LOVE, YOUR DEAREST ELICHKA